

PROVIDES \$150,000

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But Mr. Babbitt, with consummate generalship, allayed all fears and quieted most of the opposition, so that, after the House had spent most of the morning session on the measure, the amendment proposed by Mr. Battell was lost and the bill was passed.

Favorable Action Expected

It is believed the Senate is favorably disposed toward the measure, but that there will be little trouble in securing its passage there.

Committee J. E. Cushman has given offense to some people in the management of his office, and when the House bill enlarging his duties and increasing his salary came up Mr. Tuttle of Rutland moved an amendment reducing the salary to \$2,000, the present figure. This was briefly debated and on a roll call the amendment was lost, 16 to 12.

Mr. Butler of Windham moved a reconsideration at the afternoon session, and when that was voted Mr. Butler moved the same amendment as proposed at the morning session by Mr. Tuttle, and this time the amendment was carried.

The Senators who voted for the reduction of salary were Adams, Barden, Butler, Butterfield, Clark, Coolidge, Cuts, Daniels, Darling, Gordon, Griswold, Lyford, Pike, Porter, Taplin, Tuttle. The negative vote was Archibald, Cushman, Dale, Davis, Edgerton, Field, Hitchcock, Norton, Scribner, Seaver, Sheldon, Shepardson, Smith.

Income Tax Amendment

The proposed income tax amendment to the Federal constitution was ordered to lie in both houses. Friends of the measure seem to think the longer a vote on the proposal is delayed the better will be their chances of favorable action, and some of those who asked that the bill be ordered to lie said many members were not yet ready to act on the matter.

Some grange petitions were presented in favor of it and others are expected to come in, as the State Grange has gone on record as favoring the amendment.

The committee on final adjournment reported to the two houses that the condition of business is such that they were unable to suggest a day for final adjournment and asked for more time. They will probably report further tomorrow. The trouble is as one member confessed, that the members have not the courage of their convictions.

Weights and Measures

When the weights and measures bill came back to the House Wednesday afternoon there were a number of amendments attached, some of them important and some of slight consequence. The one debated by the House restores the original House provision that the Governor shall appoint the commissioner of weights and measures. So many Democrats opposed adoption of the Senate proposals of amendment that it looked at first as if there was a party movement against the Governor, but this seems not to be the case.

There has developed on the part of some members, at least, a feeling against permitting the Senate to dictate to the House, and a further reason for objecting to the proposed change was that some members believed a Rutland man was a candidate for the appointment and would be given the place if the Governor should be given the power of appointment. It is in some respects unfortunate that this matter should have come up with the trustee process matter still unsettled. Some House members show a disposition to be jealous of the privileges and rights of the body to which they belong and are not inclined to look with favor on any attempt at interference by the Senate.

Feeling of Lawyers

The lawyers have a feeling that the terms of judges should be lengthened, that they should not be so

immediately responsible to the people and should not have to come up so frequently for election. The amendment to the constitution proposed in the Senate Tuesday showed the feeling of the legal fraternity and a measure proposed yesterday by Mr. Stone of Wallingford seeks the same end. The constitution at present contains nothing regarding the term of judges or the method by which they shall be elected or appointed. If the proposed constitutional amendments should be adopted the term would be increased to 10 years. If the Stone bill should be passed the term would be made six years and the term of the present superior judges would be extended to 1916.

At the afternoon session the House passed without question half a dozen bills from the committee on claims carrying in all a little more than \$600.

If House bill 563, which provides for correcting and legalizing invalid abstracts of individual lists, grand lists and quadrennial appraisals, should become a law it would free the Legislature from the continual bother of legalizing grand lists and quadrennial appraisals. This is usually done by the Legislature as a matter of course, and it would seem as if the better way would be to provide some safe and proper way by which the towns can take care of the matter and save the time of the Legislature. The House has passed the bill without trouble and the Senate may look on it with a favorable eye.

HOUSE—MORNING.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the chaplain.

Bills Passed.

The following bills were passed: H. 287, to exclude automobiles and motor vehicles from the highway leading from East Middlebury to the Texas road, so called, in the town of Hancock.

H. 535, amending an act incorporating the St. Johnsbury Center Cemetery Association.

H. 539, relating to the time within which certain duties shall be performed.

H. 540, to pay Charles H. Powers the sum of \$64.80.

H. 541, relating to boards of employment. H. 542, relating to Lake Dunmore Power and Traction Company.

Bills Introduced.

The following bills were introduced:

H. 596, from the Judiciary Committee, to amend sections 2279 and 2305 of the Public Statutes relating to the recognition in criminal cases, and repealing sections 2303 and 5233 of the Public Statutes. Ordered to lie and be reported.

H. 597, by Mr. Miller of Bethel, to amend Sections 532, 565, 566, 571 and 591 of the Public Statutes and to repeal Sections 535 and 526 thereof, relating to the form and contents of grand lists and abstracts of individual lists. Referred to the committee on Grand List.

H. 598, by Mr. Stone of Wallingford, to amend section 1342 of the Public Statutes, relating to the election of Superior Judges. It provides for the election of Superior Judges for a term of six years, from 1916; also extends term of such judges elected in October 1910 to six years. The judge first elected to be chief of said Superior Judges. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 543, to legalize the quadrennial appraisal of Woodford for 1910.

H. 544, to pay William A. Decker the sum therein named.

Good Roads Bill Passed.

H. 141, the good roads bill was taken up at 10.30 o'clock as a special order. Mr. Stafford of Brattleboro, chairman of the Committee on Highways and Bridges, said the committee at first favored a bill carrying an appropriation of \$200,000 but after a conference with the Appropriation Committee and the Governor they had favored an amendment fixing the sum at \$150,000. He argued in favor of the need of continuing the good roads policy and advocated the increased appropriation.

Mr. Battell of Middlebury believed the sum carried by the bill was too great. He thought we were going too rapidly and do not yet fully understand the subject of good roads. He moved to amend by making the appropriation \$100,000.

The Chair announced that the amendment was not in proper form as the bill as amended appropriated certain sums at different dates. Mr. Pittredge of Leicester, however, came to his rescue with an amendment which met the requirements and which Mr. Battell presented. Mr. Fletcher of Cavendish opposed the amendment. He did not think we could deal with the subject two years hence or at some other remote period than now. He said the State was not asked to experiment with patent roads or macadam roads but this bill was simply carrying out our present policy. He said the automobile was here to stay, either as a necessary evil or a public blessing. He thought the bill was right and proper.

Had Changed His Mind.

Mr. Burbank of Cabot, chairman of the Committee on Education said he had come here prepared to oppose such a bill but he had attended the hearings held by the committee and had come to believe that the interests of the schools of Vermont would not be endangered by the passage of the bill in its present form. Mr. Gillette of Richmond asked the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee if the members of that committee could furnish the money needed without a direct State tax. Mr. Fletcher replied that no man could now say what the House or the Senate would yet appropriate. He could not forecast the action, to be taken by the Senate on the direct inheritance tax and said an intelligent reply could not now be given to the gentleman's question. Mr. Pittredge of Leicester favored the amendment and opposed the

amendment on the ground that such a large appropriation could not now be made without raising a State tax provided the House passed the important appropriation bills before it. Mr. Babbitt of Rockingham believed this was the most important bill of the session. It was a measure for the betterment of Vermont and should be considered in a broad and liberal spirit. This bill would carry out the promises of both parties. He thought the State could make no investment that would pay better or give more lasting benefit. It had received eight weeks of consideration and it was well understood by the House.

Mr. Schofield of Richmond opposed the amendment and said many of his constituents were in favor of bonding for good roads. Mr. Bryant of Ludlow said this was a bill which makes for the comfort and pleasure of the people. He believed the finances of the State would warrant it. The desire for good roads is not confined to automobiles interests but he thought the automobilists were entitled to some consideration.

Automobile Revenue.

The automobile revenue for the past six months had been \$40,000 compared with \$69,000 for the previous year. He said the Almighty had been good to Vermont, having given us scenic beauties surpassed by no other State. He believed the White hills of New Hampshire were no more attractive than the Green hills of Vermont. The Almighty had given us the raw material and we must develop it by means of good roads and good hotels and then we shall be on equal footing with New Hampshire. He thought the bill also meant much to the farmer and the lumberman.

Mr. Bates of Derby referred to the alternate stretches of good and bad roads and said if we were to have trunk lines the State must help the poor towns.

Mr. Peck of Burlington did not vote or increased appropriation at first but had learned something since he came here. He thought the committee which had reported on this matter could be followed with safety. The people demand better roads and he opposed the amendment.

Mr. Corry of Montpelier explained that he was opposed to the increase at first because he feared the educational interests of the State would suffer thereby but he had become convinced that the State could afford to make this increased appropriation.

Will Help Smaller Towns.

Mr. Amey of Brighton said the bill would help the smaller and poorer towns as this money comes out of the State at large. He thought it would be of great benefit to the small hill towns, particularly to the roads along the line of through traffic.

Mr. Williams of Peacham favored the amendment as he thought the State still had much to learn on the subject of good roads. Incidentally he paid a high tribute to the State Highway Commissioner.

Mr. McCuen of Vergennes thought it absolutely necessary to vote an increased appropriation and said if this bill were passed the Legislature could look back upon its work with pride. He endorsed the idea that our roads are the show windows of the State.

Mr. Wright of Westminster opposed the amendment as curtailing would hurt the small towns. He alluded to the million dollars spent annually by New Hampshire on the trunk lines of that State.

Mr. Shaw of Stowe thought good roads were the foundation of all our business and opposed the amendment. Mr. Corwin of Chelsea and Mr. Gatchell of Charleston opposed the amendment and Mr. Battell again spoke in favor of it.

Mr. Ives of Mount Holly thought the State could be advertised in no better way than by good roads and opposed the amendment. Mr. Hatch of Stratford opposed the amendment and explained that this appropriation covered a period of 29 months. On motion of Mr. Stone of Wallingford the previous question was ordered.

Mr. Battell called for a rising vote and the amendment was overwhelmingly defeated. Mr. Boyce of Waterbury then spoke in favor of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Stowe the previous question was ordered and the bill was passed with a thundering shout, only a few nays being heard.

On motion of Mr. Briggs of Searsburg the House adjourned at 12 o'clock.

HOUSE—AFTERNOON.

The first business of the afternoon was the consideration of H. 545, providing additional questions in taxpayers' inventories. On motion of Mr. Kennedy of Williston, section 2 was stricken out. It was further amended on motion of Mr. Rowland of Poultney, and the bill was then killed.

Bills Passed.

The following bills were passed:

H. 548, to pay the town of Shoreham \$209.09.

H. 549, to pay Charles A. Plumley \$15.

H. 550, to pay William Brewin \$252.

H. 551, to pay the towns of Readsboro \$51; Woodbury \$85.17; and Worcester \$108.

H. 552, to pay C. C. Graves \$10.

H. 553, to pay the town of Jay \$495.95.

H. 554, to pay M. H. Hazen \$14.94.

H. 550, an act granting certain powers to the village of Hyde Park.

H. 561, to enable the Swanton Falls union school district to issue bonds for building a new school house.

H. 563, to provide for correcting and legalizing invalid abstracts of individual lists, grand lists and quadrennial appraisals.

H. 564, to legalize the grand list and quadrennial appraisal of Stamford for 1910.

Bills Introduced.

The following bill was introduced: H. 600, by Mr. Bailey of Randolph, an act to amend a section of the Public Statutes, relating to the location of depots or stations by the Public Service Commission. It permits railroads to establish and maintain depots, freight houses, switches

and side tracks at such points, as the Public Service Commission shall judge necessary; also to change the location of existing depots and sidetracks. Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

H. 599, by Mr. Rowland of Poultney, an act to enable the village of Poultney to refund its indebtedness. Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

H. 165, relating to protection against forest fires and to further protect the State from such fires was passed as amended.

Senate amendments were concurred in on these bills:

H. 204, to incorporate the Congregational church and society of Middlebury.

H. 240, to incorporate the Green Mount Cemetery Association.

H. 280, to enable the South Royalton graded school district, to change the date of its annual meeting.

H. 466, providing for a weigher of coal.

The income tax resolution was read together with an unfavorable committee report. Mr. Peck of Burlington moved that the bill be ordered to lie as he thought some members were not yet ready to vote on it. Mr. Boyce of Waterbury presented two petitions in favor of the resolution and Mr. Bronson presented one. The bill was then ordered to lie.

Cattle Commissioner Bill.

The House took up H. 565, the cattle commissioner bill. Mr. Mason of Pawlet moved to amend by striking out the words "by rail" referring to the transportation of cattle. Mr. Bronson of Hardwick opposed the amendment and Mr. Kennedy of Williston favored it and it was agreed to.

Mr. Ellis of Brookfield moved to amend by striking out section 12. Mr. Schofield of Richmond favored the amendment and Mr. Kennedy of Williston opposed. Mr. Bronson said this section had been on the statute books many years, and he thought there was no danger in it. It permitted certain animals slightly affected to be retained for breeding purposes under the supervision of the cattle commissioner. Mr. Ellis thought this was a dangerous provision. Mr. Stafford of Brattleboro thought sufficient safeguards had been thrown around the bill. The amendment was lost and the bill was passed.

Mr. Allen of Westford, called up H. 165, relating to protection against forest fires. Mr. Carl of Canaan, moved to amend by providing that the State Forester may require a railroad at its own expense to maintain a patrol along its lines where there is danger of fire. A penalty of \$25 a day for failure to comply with the provision is provided. The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Daniels' Amendment.

Mr. Daniels of Warren moved to amend by striking out that portion limiting the expense of wardens in unorganized towns and goes to \$100 annually. Mr. Kennedy opposed the amendment. Mr. Daniels said it was not a safeguard against forest fires. Mr. Boyce of Waterbury favored the amendment and it was agreed to.

H. 300, the weights and measures bill was returned from the Senate with proposals of amendment. Mr. Pittredge of Leicester moved that the bill be ordered to lie and be made a special order for Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Mr. Bailey of Randolph opposed the motion and it was defeated.

Mr. Peck of Burlington urged that the House concur in the important amendments and Mr. Babbitt of Rockingham, explained that most of the amendments were mere technicalities.

The first seven proposals of amendment were agreed to without debate. Mr. Fletcher of Stockbridge thought that proposals 8 and 9 should not be acted upon until after 10 and 11 had been considered and he moved that proposals 8 and 9 be ordered to lie until those referred to had been acted upon. This motion was adopted.

The House then took up proposal 10 making the office of commissioner of weights and measures appointive by the Governor instead of elective by the Legislature. Mr. Babbitt of Rockingham said the Senate was not susceptible to advice from anyone and explained that the proposed amendment was in line with the original bill as reported by the committee. He was willing to leave the matter to the House to decide.

Capable of Electing.

Mr. Martin of Brookline thought the House was able to elect. Mr. Corry of Montpelier favored the amendment, saying that he had confidence in the Governor that he would appoint a suitable man. Mr. Shaw of Stowe opposed the amendment. He did not want to leave the appointment to any one man. Mr. Kennedy of Williston opposed the amendment and thought enough plums had been given out. His remarks were greeted with applause.

Mr. Ives of Mount Holly favored the amendment. Mr. Amey of Brighton and Mr. Viall of Dorset opposed it.

Mr. Stafford of Brattleboro supported the amendment and urged the House not to endanger the measure. Mr. Maun of St. Albans opposed the amendment.

Mr. Peck of Burlington hoped the members would not work themselves into a passion over the matter. The House then refused to concur in the amendment as it did in the three remaining proposals.

These Senate amendments were concurred in.



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H. 284, to pay James E. Cashman the sum therein named.

H. 286, to provide for the repair or rebuilding of any State institution damaged or destroyed by fire.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher of Stockbridge, the House adjourned.

SENATE—MORNING.

The upper House pursued the even tenor of its way in the dignified manner that befits it, stooping only once to cut the salary of the commissioner of State taxes. It ordered the resolution relating to the income tax amendment to the federal constitution to lie on motion of Mr. Daniels and refused at the morning session to keep the salary of the commissioner of State taxes at its present figure of \$2,500 in view of the additional duties imposed on him by the bill, but in the afternoon it had a spasm of virtue or a relapse from virtue, all depends on the point of view, and made the cut.

These bills were passed at the morning session:

H. 171, incorporating the city and town of Barre.

H. 268, relating to town officers.

H. 317, incorporating the Pleasant View Cemetery association with proposal of amendment.

H. 362, relating to the election of officers of fire districts.

H. 376, incorporating the Cuttingsville & Shrewsbury Telephone Co. with proposals of amendment.

H. 437, conferring additional powers on the commissioner of taxes.

H. 439, establishing the office of State ethnologist.

H. 512, empowering the City of Vergennes to water and oil streets.

H. 526, incorporating the Alpha Sigma Pi fraternity.

Third reading was ordered on:

S. 128, relating to the competency of witnesses.

S. 129, relating to Vermont citations.

S. 127, relating to informing officers.

S. 130, relating to registration of automobiles.

H. 104, relating to the grand list.

H. 493, relating to poll and tax inventories.

S. 98, relating to flogging.

These two bills were killed.

H. 380, to make declarations in conveyances of real estate.

H. 514, providing for a committee to investigate a uniform system of town accounts.

SENATE—AFTERNOON.

No excitement was aroused at the afternoon session and the only business

was that created any special interest was the cutting of the proposed salary of the commissioner of State taxes.

Third reading was ordered on:

S. 131, relating to delinquent taxpayers.

S. 12, incorporating the Vergennes Light & Power Co.

S. 91, incorporating the First Congregational Society of Rochester.

S. 123, relating to personal property of the State Normal School at Randolph.

H. 10, for construction of a road from Norton to Brighton.

H. 159, relating to corporations formed by voluntary association.

H. 168, to amend the charter of the City of Rutland.

H. 207, relating to libraries in penal institutions.

H. 303, relating to certification of teachers.

H. 339, permitting Brattleboro to issue bonds.

H. 348, relating to ordinances of the City of Burlington.

H. 476, permitting officers to give duplicate receipts for money received.

H. 501, relating to stationery and supplies.

H. 503, relating to indexing the Journals of the House and Senate.

H. 523, incorporating the Firewide Insurance Co.

These were passed in concurrence:

H. 524, incorporating the village of Cabot.

H. 537, permitting the City of St. Albans to issue bonds.

H. 393, relating to the registration of traction engines.

H. 437, conferring additional powers on the commissioner of taxes with proposal of amendment.

H. 528, relating to insufficient school accommodations was killed.

The chair presented the report of the committee of conference relating to final adjournment, stating that under the existing conditions they could not state a certain time and asked that the time be extended and on motion of Mr. Archibald, the Senate voted to extend time until Friday.

H. 173, relating to the promotion of public health, was killed.

On motion of Senator Lyford the Senate adjourned.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

C. P. Smith of Burlington with his wife and daughter, were guests of Governor Mead yesterday.

Among the visitors at the State House yesterday afternoon were A. P. Hawes, State Forester, J. W. Titcomb, State Fish and Game Commissioner, Professor G. H. Perkins, State Geologist, C. C. Pitts of Brattleboro, Principal Allen of Johnson Normal School, M. J. Hapgood of Peru and E. W. Huntley of Duxbury.

Among the visitors at the State House yesterday were ex-Congressman H. H. Powers of Morrisville.

Dr. G. H. Gorham of Bellows Falls, E. B. Flyn of Springfield, E. S. Kinney of Rutland and L. F. Wilbur of Jericho.

WATERBURY.

Miss Vera Powell is ill with typhoid fever at the home of Mrs. Carolyn Harrison. Her mother is here from Post Mills and is caring for her.

J. P. Perry of the Barre Forwarding Company was a business visitor in town on Monday.

B. R. Demeritt is in Boston and New York this week in the interests of the Demeritt & Palmer Packing Company.

Miss Grace Bagley passed Sunday with her father in Montpelier.

Miss Merriam Bartlett of Richmond was recently the guest of Miss Greta Perkins.

The Utas club was entertained Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Helen Somerville.

Miss Beatrice Atherton was at home from Montpelier Seminary Sunday and Monday, accompanied by her roommate, Miss Mary Plaistrudge of Northfield.